

SMART STUFF

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Directions: Have fun honing multiple-choice test-taking skills. Divide the class into two teams to play Smart Stuff. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Or, use Smart Stuff as a research activity. Students may research categories in groups or individually.

WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY

1. Sicily is an island in which sea?
 - A. Mediterranean Sea
 - B. Adriatic Sea
 - C. Caspian Sea
 2. Which U.S. state has the most shoreline?
 - A. Alaska
 - B. Florida
 - C. California
 3. Who is the U.S. secretary of state?
 - A. Michelle Obama
 - B. Madeleine Albright
 - C. Hillary Clinton
 4. Which is the largest desert in the world?
 - A. Gobi
 - B. Sahara
 - C. Kalahari Desert
 5. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in what country?
 - A. Tanzania
 - B. Kenya
 - C. Nepal
3. What treaty signified the end of World War I?
 - A. the Warsaw Pact
 - B. Treaty of Versailles
 - C. Treat of Paris
 4. Which right does the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution not guarantee?
 - A. freedom of the press
 - B. the right to bear arms
 - C. freedom of religion
 5. Who was Emiliano Zapata?
 - A. the first president of Mexico
 - B. a Mexican steel worker
 - C. a Mexican rebel leader

CULTURE AND SPORTS

1. Which American First Lady became a fashion icon?
 - A. "Lady Bird" Johnson
 - B. Barbara Bush
 - C. Jackie Kennedy
2. What dance is Argentina most famous for?
 - A. tango
 - B. swing
 - C. flamenco
3. Which poet wrote the lines "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by"?
 - A. Robert Frost
 - B. William Blake
 - C. W. H. Auden
4. Who was the youngest Olympic figure skater to win a gold medal?
 - A. Nadia Comaneci
 - B. Janet Champion
 - C. Tara Lipinski

HISTORY

1. What was the unsuccessful 1961 plot to overthrow Cuba called?
 - A. the Bay of Pigs invasion
 - B. the Cuban initiative
 - C. the Cuban Missile Crisis
2. Who launched a technical revolution in the 1450s by printing Bibles?
 - A. Martin Luther
 - B. Johannes Gutenberg
 - C. Eli Whitney

5. What is the nickname of the former World Wrestling Federation star Steve Austin?
 - A. the Rock
 - B. the Undertaker
 - C. Stone Cold

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. In which industry would you find the flying shuttle and the spinning jenny?
 - A. NASA's space program
 - B. cotton textiles
 - C. car manufacturing
2. Who described the law of motion that states every action causes an equal and opposite reaction?
 - A. Sir Isaac Newton
 - B. Benjamin Franklin
 - C. Albert Einstein
3. Who found more than 300 uses for peanuts?
 - A. Charles Schulz
 - B. Jimmy Carter
 - C. George Washington Carver
4. The first practical helicopter was designed in 1936, but who sketched designs for a helicopter in the 1400s?
 - A. Albrecht Dürer
 - B. Michelangelo
 - C. Leonardo da Vinci
5. What did Louis S. B. Leakey and Mary Douglas Leakey discover?
 - A. the skull of an apelike creature that could be related to humans
 - B. fossils of feathered dinosaurs
 - C. King Tutankhamen's tomb